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**MEMORANDUM**

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TO : Col. [REDACTED] NSC, 25X(9)

SUBJECT: Memorandum on a New Threat to the Genocide Convention

## NSC Declassification/Release Instructions on File

1. The attached memorandum was prepared by Professor Raphael Lemkin of Yale, author of the original Genocide Code NSC referred to in the memorandum. The memorandum was prepared by Prof. Lemkin at the suggestion of Mr. Edward O'Connor of PSB when Prof. Lemkin complained to him that the Russians are trying to use the Chinese to wreck the Genocide Code.

2. According to Mr. O'Connor this maneuver is connected with the Soviet aim to wreck the Swedish resolution on the International Criminal Court. This resolution calls for "indefinite" postponement of consideration for an International Criminal Court. The Soviets want it brought up at the next General Assembly. People close to this picture feel strongly NSC that the Soviets want to use the International Criminal Court to exploit to their advantage the:

- a) Germ warfare propaganda
- b) Pushing the claim that the U. S. is guilty of crimes against humanity in Korea
- c) Wrecking of the Kersten Amendment

3. Mr. Tracy Barnes may be interested in this matter and may want to call it to the attention of his political warfare specialists. Mr. O'Connor believes that if CIA considers it feasible to take action on the matter, it should contact Prof. Raphael Lemkin directly or through Mr. O'Connor. Senator Wiley has also been given a copy of this memorandum.

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William J. Morgan

Attachment: 1 copy of above named memo.

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